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CRAACK!
DON'T MOVE, TONI....THE CIRCUIT BREAKERS WILL SHUT OFF THE OVERLOAD IN A SECOND!
PRIMUS! THAT MAN....HE'S TRYING TO KILL US!
ZZZ
ZRRK!
THE FLOATING LABORATORY OF CARTER PRIMUS IS PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST SOPHISTICATED IN THE WORLD...HERE ABOARD ORCA, PRIMUS, THE FIRST MAN OF THE SEA, DEVELOPED HIS DASH (DEEP SEA HABITAT), THE PUP (PRIMUS UNDERWATER PROPULSION VEHICLE) AND A DOZEN OTHER INVENTIONS TO FURTHER MAN'S ENDEAVORS TO SOLVE THE MYSTERIES OF THE LAST FRONTIER ON EARTH...THE DEEP WATERS OF THE OCEANIC WORLD!
NOW, PRIMUS WAS WORKING ON SOMETHING NEW...VERY SECRET... ...AND WORTH KILLING FOR AS HE AND HIS ASSISTANT, TONI, DISCOVERED ONE NIGHT WHEN THEY WERE WORKING LATE!
"the DEADLY PAY-OFF"
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Return to Primus
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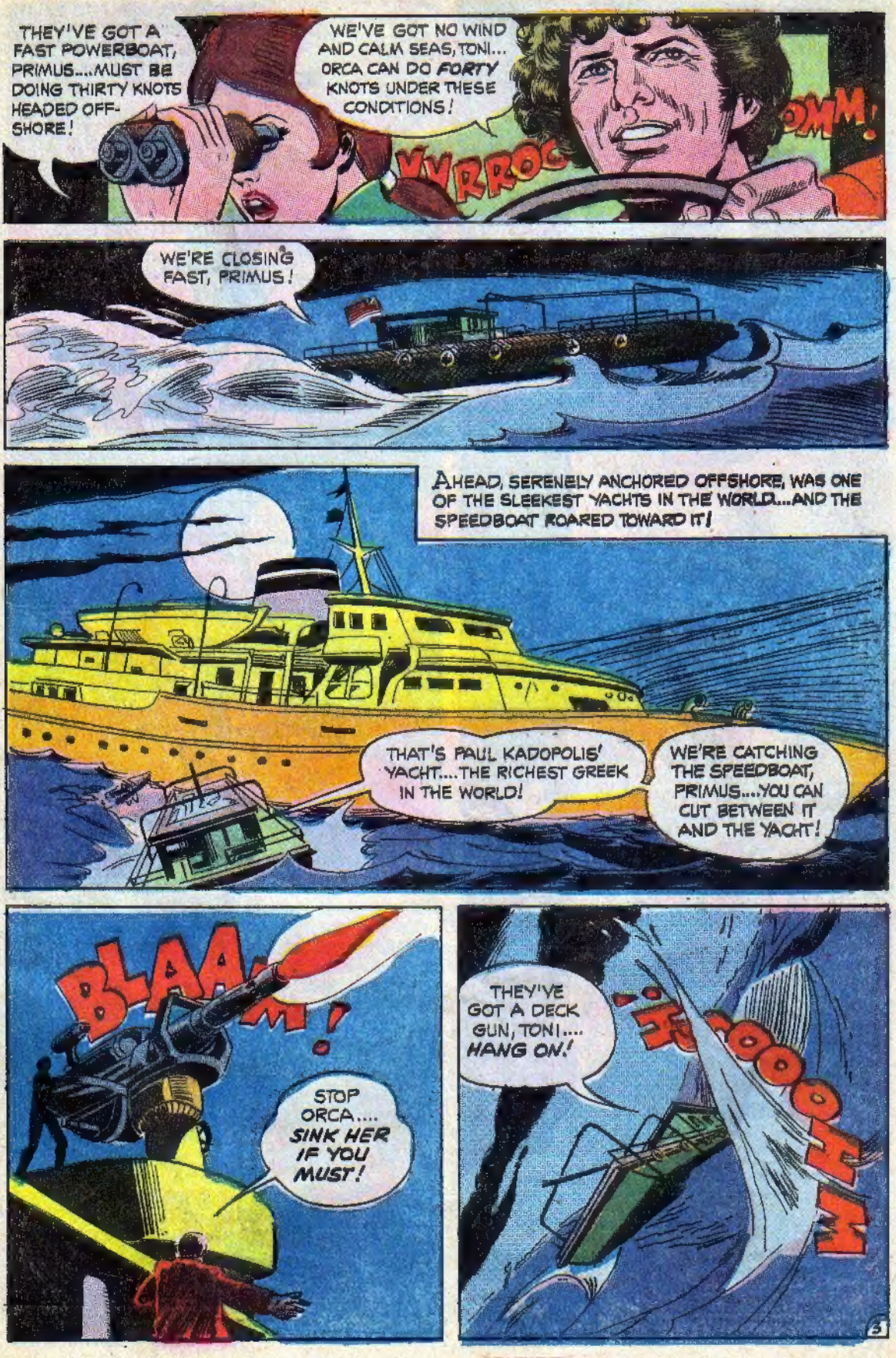
THEY KNOW....I'VE ALMOST PERFECTED MY TRIPLE D UNIT....THEY'LL DO ANYTHING TO STOP ME!
ZZRRRKK! CRACK!
THE SABOTEUR WHO'D HOPED TO ELECTROCUTE PRIMUS AND HIS LOVELY ASSISTANT SAW THE CRACKLING CHARGES CEASE....AS PRIMUS HAD PREDICTED, THE CIRCUIT BREAKERS HE HAD BUILT INTO ORCA'S POWERFUL SYSTEM CUT OFF THE JUICE AND....
HE WON'T GET AWAY!
POW!
OOWW, MY HEAD! WHAT HAPPENED, TONI?
THERE WERE TWO OF THEM, PRIMUS....THE SECOND ONE ZAPPED YOU AS YOU CAME OUT THE DOOR! THEY HAD A POWER LAUNCH WAITING!
WHAT WERE THEY AFTER, PRIMUS?
MY TRIPLE D INVENTION...THE DEEP DETECTION DEVICE FOR LOCATING OIL DEPOSITS BENEATH THE OCEAN FLOOR!


THEY'VE GOT A FAST POWERBOAT, PRIMUS....MUST BE DOING THIRTY KNOTS HEADED OFF-SHORE!
WE'VE GOT NO WIND AND CALM SEAS, TONI... ORCA CAN DO FORTY KNOTS UNDER THESE CONDITIONS!
VVRROOMM!
WE'RE CLOSING FAST, PRIMUS!
AHEAD, SERENELY ANCHORED OFFSHORE, WAS ONE OF THE SLEEKEST YACHTS IN THE WORLD...AND THE SPEEDBOAT ROARED TOWARD IT!
THAT'S PAUL KADOPOLIS' YACHT....THE RICHEST GREEK IN THE WORLD!
WE'RE CATCHING THE SPEEDBOAT, PRIMUS....YOU CAN CUT BETWEEN IT AND THE YACHT!
BLAAM!
STOP ORCA.... SINK HER IF YOU MUST!
THEY'VE GOT A DECK GUN, TONI.... HANG ON!
-KR-OOOM
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ABOARD KADOPOLIS' YACHT, 'HERA', THE BILLIONAIRE DEBRIEFED HIS AGENTS AS THE YACHT SPED EASTWARD....
YOU BUNGLED! I ORDERED YOU TO SABOTAGE PRIMUS' DEVICE....TO KILL HIM IF NECESSARY....AND YOU ONLY SUCCEEDED IN ALERTING HIM TO MY INTEREST IN HIS WORK!
AN ORDINARY MAN WOULD BE DEAD NOW, SIR!

I LISTENED ON THE COAST GUARD FREQUENCY, PRIMUS.... THE YACHT HERA IS HEADING EAST AT HIGH SPEED! YOU CAN RELAX NOW!
I AM RELAXED, TONI....BUT DON'T BE DECEIVED BY KADOPOLIS....HE'S GOT TO HAVE MY TRIPLE D UNIT!
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THE GREEK OIL KING IS INVOLVED IN A WAR IN EASTERN EUROPE....HE'S GOT SEVENTEEN DAYS LEFT ON HIS OPTION TO FIND OIL IN LAKE ZENO....HE KNOWS IT'S THERE BUT IT'S GOT TO BE PIN-POINTED FOR HIM TO EXERCISE HIS OPTION!
IF HE HAD MY TRIPLE D, HE'D FIND THE OIL WELL WITHIN THE DEADLINE!
WHY HASN'T HE TRIED TO BUY IT PRIMUS?
HE DID, TONI.... HE OFFERED ME $10,000,000 FOR THE TRIPLE D....BUT I REFUSED TO SELL!
I'M LEASING IT TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT....FOR A DOLLAR A YEAR!
IT WAS A DAY LATER ...WHILE CARTER PRIMUS WAS DIVING ON THE REEF....
...THAT KADOPOLIS' STOOGES MADE THEIR MOVE! A LIGHTPLANE CAME FAST AND LOW TOWARD ORCA....NOT UNTIL THE LAST SECOND DID TONI REALIZE HER DANGER....AND THEN IT WAS TOO LATE!
PRIMUS, A PLANE JUST FLEW OVER AND...! GASP!
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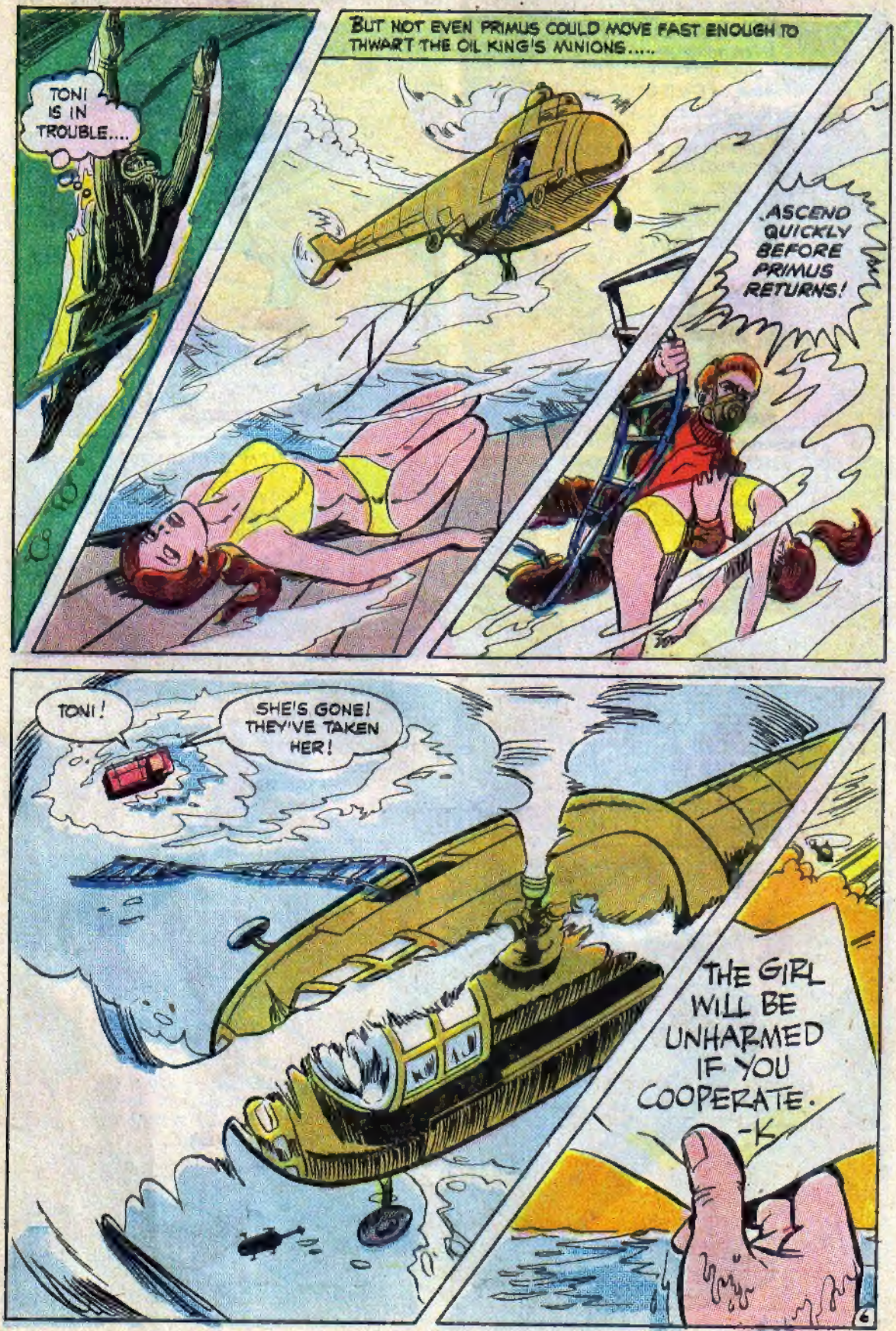
TONI IS IN TROUBLE....
BUT NOT EVEN PRIMUS COULD MOVE FAST ENOUGH TO THWART THE OIL KING'S MINIONS.....
ASCEND QUICKLY BEFORE PRIMUS RETURNS!
TONI!
SHE'S GONE! THEY'VE TAKEN HER!
THE GIRL WILL BE UNHARMED IF YOU COOPERATE. -K
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THIS IS ORCA CALLING YACHT HERA! MESSAGE FOR K!
THIS IS K SPEAKING! I HAVE BEEN AWAITING YOUR CALL!
YOUR UNIT ESSENTIAL, SIR! STAND BY, MY PEOPLE WILL COME FOR YOU! YOUR PRESENCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT!
RECEIVED AND UNDERSTOOD, MISTER!
DON'T HURT THE GIRL, KADOPOLIS, OR I'LL PLAY TWICE AS DIRTY AS YOU!
AT OTHER TIMES, PRIMUS HAD HIS SEA-GOING LAB AIRLIFTED....IT WAS OBVIOUS PAUL KADOPOLIS WAS WELL INFORMED OF THIS AND A 'SKY-CRANE' APPEARED OVER ORCA THIRTY MINUTES LATER!
KADOPOLIS KNEW I DESIGNED ORCA TO BE AIR-LIFTED THIS WAY.... JUST AS HE KNEW I'D COMPLETED MY TRIPLE D DEVICE FOR FINDING OIL!
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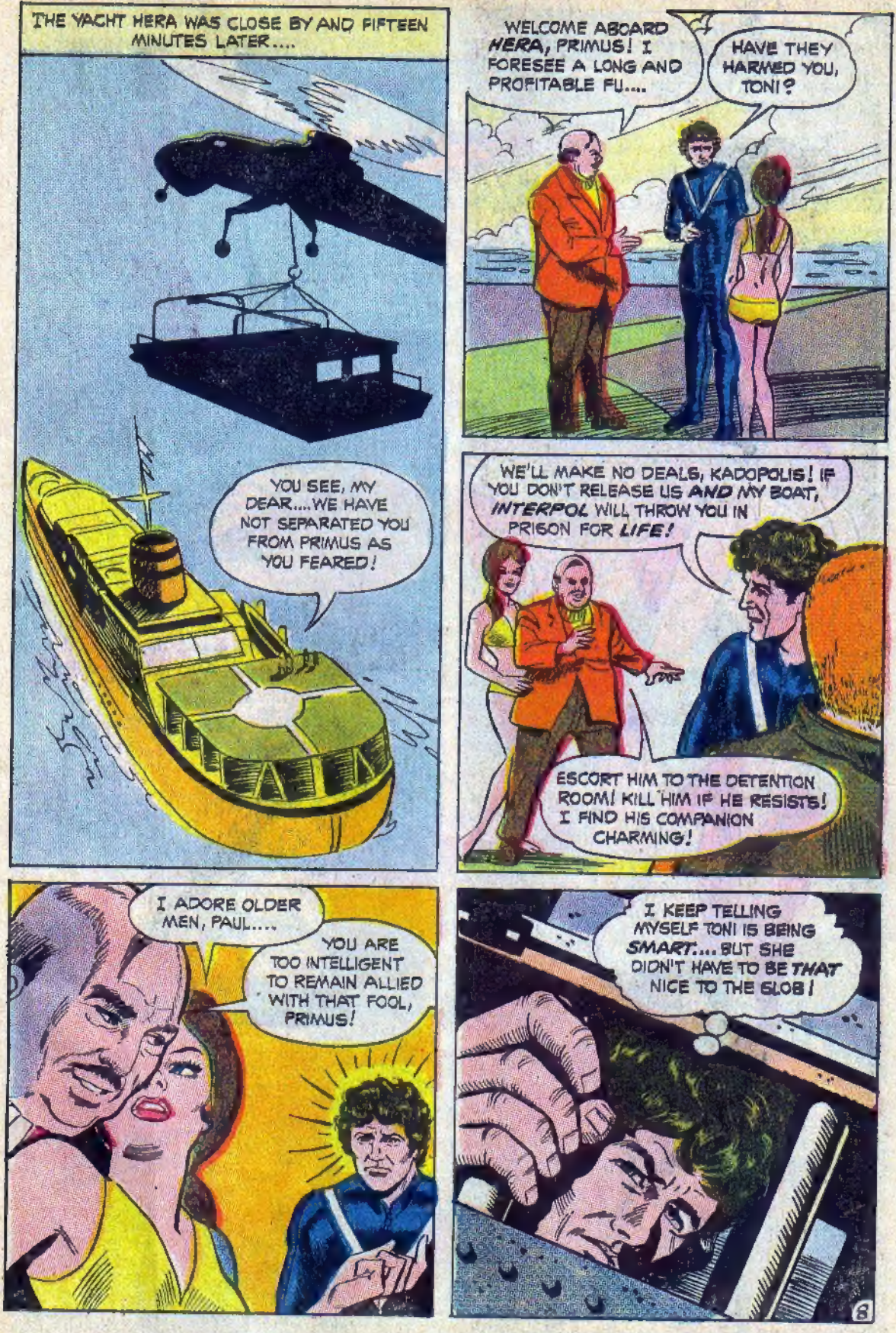
THE YACHT HERA WAS CLOSE BY AND FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER....
YOU SEE, MY DEAR....WE HAVE NOT SEPARATED YOU FROM PRIMUS AS YOU FEARED!
WELCOME ABOARD HERA, PRIMUS! I FORESEE A LONG AND PROFITABLE FU....
HAVE THEY HARMED YOU, TONI?
WE'LL MAKE NO DEALS, KADOPOLIS! IF YOU DON'T RELEASE US AND MY BOAT, INTERPOL WILL THROW YOU IN PRISON FOR LIFE!
ESCORT HIM TO THE DETENTION ROOM! KILL HIM IF HE RESISTS! I FIND HIS COMPANION CHARMING!
I ADORE OLDER MEN, PAUL....
YOU ARE TOO INTELLIGENT TO REMAIN ALLIED WITH THAT FOOL, PRIMUS!
I KEEP TELLING MYSELF TONI IS BEING SMART.... BUT SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO BE THAT NICE TO THE SLOB!
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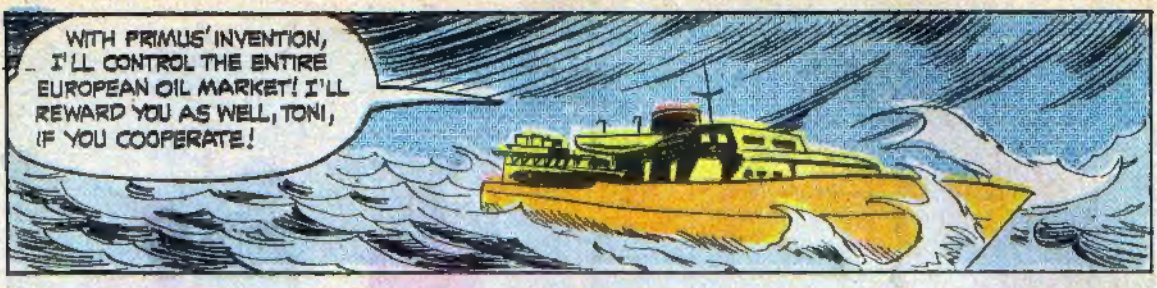
WITH PRIMUS' INVENTION, I'LL CONTROL THE ENTIRE EUROPEAN OIL MARKET! I'LL REWARD YOU AS WELL, TONI, IF YOU COOPERATE!

I'VE GOT TO PLAY THE ROLE....EVEN THOUGH I WANT TO SLAP AND SCRATCH AT HIM EVERY TIME HE OPENS HIS MOUTH!

CROSSING THE SOUTH ATLANTIC TO AVOID THE SHIPPING LANES, THE GREEK OIL MAGNATE'S YACHT TOOK NINE DAYS TO REACH THE MEDITERRANEAN HARBOR ONLY NINETY MILES FROM LAKE ZENO....

WE WILL BOARD YOUR INGENIOUS CRAFT, PRIMUS, AND BE AIR-LIFTED TO LAKE ZENO!

LEST YOU INCONVENIENCE ME BY RESORTING TO VIOLENCE, PRIMUS, BE ADVISED THAT TONI WILL BE THE FIRST CASUALTY!

THIS WAS SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE....DANGER LURKED AT THE FRONTIERS....BUT PAUL KADOPOLIS' GOLD HAD BOUGHT THEM SAFE PASSAGE!
LAKE ZENO, AS YOU MUST REALIZE, PRIMUS, IS THE LARGEST AND DEEPEST INLAND BODY OF WATER IN THE WORLD!
THREE NATIONS CLAIM THE MINERAL RIGHTS ON LAKE ZENO, KADOPOLIS....WON'T THEY TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT YOUR OIL PROSPECTING?
BUT, NO, PRIMUS....IF NECESSARY, I CAN PRODUCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF CITIZENSHIP IN THESE COUNTRIES! ONCE I LOCATE THE OIL, OTHER OBSTACLES WILL DISAPPEAR! WE WILL TIE UP ORCA AT MY ESTATE OVER THERE!
PRIMUS, I'M TRYING TO HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN....HE SAID HE'D HAVE YOU KILLED IF YOU MAKE TROUBLE!
HE INTENDS TO DISPOSE OF US WHETHER WE GIVE HIM TROUBLE OR NOT, TONI! JUST STAY ALERT.. WHEN I MOVE....BE READY!
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I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF REMOVING YOUR TRIPLE D SEISMO-GRAPHIC DETECTOR FROM YOUR FLOATING LABORATORY, PRIMUS! BE GOOD ENOUGH TO EXPLAIN IT!
YOU GIVE ME NO CHOICE, KADOPOLIS!
AS YOU SEE, THIS IS A DEVICE TO CREATE SHARP SOUNDS WHICH TRAVEL AT A KNOWN SPEED THROUGH BASALTIC ROCK, AT A DIFFERENT SPEED THROUGH GRANITE, SHALE OR SANDSTONE!
WHEN THE SOUND REACHES AN OIL DOME, THE RESULTANT ECHO HAS A PERCEPTIBLY DIFFERENT SOUND....WHICH IS TRANSLATED INTO A READING ON THIS GRAPH!
MY AGENTS INFORM ME THIS IS 100% ACCURATE! TOMORROW MORNING, YOU WILL BEGIN CHARTING THE OIL FORMATIONS BENEATH LAKE ZENO!
TO ENSURE ACCURACY, PRIMUS, MY MEN WILL TAKE CERTAIN PRE-CAUTIONS!
THUD!
UNGH!!
AGAIN, BUB!

YOU HEAR ME, PRIMUS! IF YOU FAIL.... THE GIRL WILL RECEIVE MUCH WORSE THAN THAT!
LET HIM ALONE! HE'LL DO AS YOU SAY....DON'T BEAT HIM AGAIN!
PRIMUS, THEY'LL KILL US BOTH!
I KNOW, TONI.....WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!
NOW, PRIMUS...YOUR DEVICE WILL BE TAKEN ABOARD ORCA....WE WILL GO TOGETHER TO BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR OIL!
LET TONI GO, KADOPOLIS! TURN HER LOOSE OR I WON'T HELP YOU!
SHE WILL DIE IN A VERY UNPLEASANT MANNER MY FRIEND, IF YOU FAIL TO FIND THAT OIL! NOW. WE SHALL BOARD YOUR EXTRAORDINARY CRAFT!
ORCA, WATER-BORNE ONCE MORE, CRUISED SWIFTLY ACROSS THE CALM WATERS OF THE HUGE INLAND SEA THEY CALLED LAKE ZENO...
ACCORDING TO THIS PRELIMINARY OIL SURVEY, PRIMUS, THERE'S OIL RIGHT ABOUT HERE!

YOU MAY PROCEED, PRIMUS!
WE'RE ALMOST ON THE BOTTOM!
THIS ENTIRE AREA HAS OIL! IF KADOPOLIS GETS POSITIVE FINDINGS, HE'LL START A MAJOR WAR TO CONTROL THE OIL FIELD!
POING
POING
POING
IF I COULD GET TONI AWAY FROM THEM, I COULD WRECK THE OIL KING'S PLANS!
PRIMUS FROM ORCA! COME IN, PRIMUS!
REPORT IN AT ONE MINUTE INTERVALS, PRIMUS!
THIS WILL KEEP HIM FROM TRYING TO DECEIVE ME!
NOW PAUL KADOPOLIS HAD PRIMUS ON AN ELECTRONIC STRING.... IF HE DIDN'T REPORT IN EVERY SIXTY SECONDS, THE OIL KING WOULD TAKE REPRISALS AGAINST TONI!
I'M THREE HUNDRED YARDS NORTH, KADOPOLIS! THERE ARE DEFINITE OIL DEPOSITS, I WILL CONTINUE ON THIS LINE!
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PRIMUS TO ORCA. I AM 500 YARDS NORTH, AT A DEPTH OF 130 FEET!
HE KNOWS HE MUST OBEY OR YOU'LL BOTH DIE! HEH HEH HEH!
MMMMFFF!
PRIMUS HAS NO OPTIONS! HE MUST DO EXACTLY AS I SAY!
HE'D BE A FOOL TO FIGHT THE INEVITABLE, MR. KADOPOLIS!
HE HASN'T YELLED.... THERE'S STILL TIME!
OOOOOFFF!!

I HEARD A NOISE! WHERE IS BUBI?
MR. KADOPOLIS.... I THOUGHT I HEARD PRIMUS TRYING TO TRANSMIT!
KADOPOLIS, THERE'S AN OIL SEEP DOWN HERE! THERE MUST BE OIL ON THE SURFACE NEAR ORCA!
I THINK I SMELL OIL, MR. KADOPOLIS!
THUD!
YAAK GCHH!
YOU WANT OIL, KADOPOLIS? YOU LOOK FOR IT!
FREE OIL! I SMELL IT TOO!
APRIL FOOL, KADOPOLIS!
YOU THINK TO MAKE A FOOL OF ME, PAUL KADOPOLIS! I WILL KILL YOU!
KLIK
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YAAAHHH!
GET ON THE LOCAL DISTRESS FREQUENCY... CONTACT THE COAST GUARD AND NOTIFY THEM OF MEN OVERBOARD! THROW THEM LIFE PRESERVERS FIRST, TONI!
I'VE ALREADY DONE THAT, BOSS!
CARTER PRIMUS NOTIFIED THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, CONTACTED THE U.S. CONSUL NEARBY AND...
WE'VE ARRANGED FOR A SKY-CRANE TO TRANSPORT ORCA TO THE NEAREST PORT AND SHE'LL BE LOADED ABOARD A FAST SHIP FOR TRANSPORT HOME, PRIMUS!
THANKS, MR. WIDDEN....TONI AND I WILL FLY BACK TO MIAMI!
I COULD LODGE A KIDNAPPING CHARGE AGAINST KADOPOLIS BUT I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA! IF HE EVER TRIES TO DRILL A WELL IN ANY OCEAN IN THE WORLD.... I'LL SEE THAT HE STRIKES NOTHING BUT TROUBLE!
END!

THE HUMAN FISH

"MINI-SUB MISSING

My name is John Willmore and I am a full

But now that my secret is known, I can tell you
of the adventures I have had in the wor
below our waters. I am called the Human Fish
ince I was born with a set of functional gil
slits in addition to my own lungs. When I trav-
el or meet people, I wear a
collar around my neck. So that t
as everything would seem natural

On that particular evening
Listening to a famous singer telling
came over to me. He seemed
"There are two army off
u at once. One is Colonel
an emergency."

I asked Miss
ay supply of oxygen in t
ready dead - they will

met Dr. David Larmen, a m
the Army Engineers Coast Eng
Center. He filled me in on details

"We are making a sur
chains and we can bring it up
ut you have to work ag

A fast Marine Boat took me to the location. Soon I was in the cold water.
throat was a "throat mike."

onel who had earphones and was listeni
I swam around and around. Went down to t
ocean bed. Fish swam by me and didn't ev
little nudge. I wasn't
should they disturb
tom there were mounds
nd and broken sea
d my headache - and my

s covered with sand.
n here which could do
rect, I will have to do
old the Colonel.

ours later I came up for a rest period.
had no luck so far. When I submerged
gain, I took with me an electrical contact rod
if I did poke through the mound and
e little sub - I would know at once.
or the next three hours I poked around with
od through mound after mound. And I knew
time was running out on the lives of those
wo trapped men. I looked around and noticed
m and they stopped. They swam
und a mound. What was attracting them?
n I spotted it! They were all peeping
plexiglass window of the little sub. I
m up to it and the two men inside saw me,
alled to them. The craft had sunk into a
only the window was partially visible.
ist was a floating marker. I sent
e surface. And then I made my report
onel.

n hour ten Navy divers were at work.
in fairly good condition, for
hours of the oxygen supply
en thanked me for having sav-

y ways to die," grinned Dr.
they made their report concerning the
ved out to sea, stayed put, and
back towards the coastal areas of
myself, I had to call Miss Good-

" she said sweetly over
of your heroic rescue."

AS PRIMA BALLERINA IRINA LUKHOV EXECUTED A PERFECT ARABESQUE, CHARMING THE HUGE BERLIN AUDIENCE WITH HER ARTISTRY, ONE SPECTATOR IN A SEAT NEAR CARTER PRIMUS REACHED INTO HIS JACKET....
PFFFT!
..THE SILENCED GUN HE RAISED, AIMING CAREFULLY AT THE RUSSIAN-BORN DANCER, STEADIED AND THE SOVIET KILLER NAMED RUDOLF NISS WAS ABOUT TO END THE CAREER OF THE WOMAN WHO HAD FLED FROM COMMUNIST RUSSIA!
LET GO, YOU FOOL... I'LL KILL YOU!
NOT TONIGHT, FRIEND!
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INTO THE DARKNESS
IVAN TORY
PRIMUS
EEE!!!!!!! THAT MAN HAS A GUN!!
YOU BLUNDERING IDIOT, I.... UNGH!
ONE SIDE, PLEASE!

THIS WILL QUIET HIM DOWN!
HE'S NOT THE ONE.... THIS MAN IS THE ONE WHO SHOT AT HER!
THAK
YOU STRUCK THE WRONG MAN! THIS MAN KEPT THE OTHER ONE FROM KILLING FRAULEIN LUKHOV!
LET'S GO BACKSTAGE, FRIEND, RIGHT NOW!
IS...IS HE THE MAN WHO SHOT AT ME?
I'M CARTER PRIMUS....
...AND IF YOU'LL HAVE THE POLICE CHECK THE PEOPLE SITTING NEARBY, YOU'LL FIND I PREVENTED THE MAN FROM KILLING YOU, MISS LUKHOV!
POLICE IN THE THEATER QUICKLY ESTABLISHED THE FACTS....PRIMUS HAD SAVED THE LIFE OF IRINA LUKHOV....AND WADE FOLSOM, THE MAN WHO'D WRESTLED THE GUN FROM HIM, PROVED TO BE A U.S. AGENT...
SORRY, I MISTOOK YOU FOR A COMMIE KILLER, MR. PRIMUS! MY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON IRINA LUKHOV SINCE SHE ARRIVED IN BERLIN!
I OWE YOU MY LIFE, MR. PRIMUS! HOW CAN I EVER REPAY YOU?
YOUR DANCING HAS ALREADY PAID ME, MISS LUKHOV.... BUT YOU MUSTN'T GIVE THEM ANOTHER CHANCE TO TAKE YOUR LIFE!
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I'VE GOT A CAR AND ANOTHER AGENT OUTSIDE, MISS LUKHOV! WE'LL SEE THAT YOU GET SAFELY HOME!
I'M COMING ALONG, FOLSOM!
YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF PROTECTION, MISS LUKHOV! MR. PRIMUS, YOU GET IN BACK WITH MISS LUKHOV!
I'LL RIDE UP FRONT WITH THE DRIVER, FOLSOM! YOU RIDE IN BACK!
THIS SMELLS FISHY!... THE APE BEHIND THE WHEEL NEVER BOUGHT THAT SUIT ON *THIS* SIDE OF THE BERLIN WALL!
STOP THE CAR, DRIVER! MISS LUKHOV AND I WILL *WALK* TO HER HOTEL!
DON'T BE A FOOL, PRIMUS!
IT'S TOO LATE, PRIMUS.... WE'VE GOT YOU NOW!
NO, YOU HAVEN'T...
IRINA, GET DOWN ON THE FLOOR!
3

BUT, AS THE MAN WHO CALLED HIMSELF FOLSOM HAD SAID, IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE.... PRIMUS TRIED THE DOOR....IT WAS LOCKED! THEN HE SMELLED THE GAS AND KNEW.
IT'S A NERVE GAS... .I'M PASSING O....
THEY ARE UNCONSCIOUS, COMRADE! NOW, I GO THROUGH THE BRANDENBURG GATE ?
PASSEN, COMRADE!
US ARM
TO THE SAFE HOUSE, HERMANN!
THE 'SAFE HOUSE' WHERE THE RUSSIAN N.K.V.D. SECRET POLICE MADE THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN EAST BERLIN WAS NEAR THE BERLIN WALL....
I'LL CARRY THE GIRL, HERMANN! I'LL SEND SERGEI OUT TO HELP YOU GET HIM INSIDE!
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WHEN THE GAS HAD SWIRLED THROUGH THE SEDAN, PRIMUS HAD STOPPED BREATHING....HIS DIVING HAD TRAINED HIM TO HOLD HIS BREATH FOR NEARLY FOUR MINUTES....AND THE INITIAL CHARGE HAD DISSIPATED BEFORE HE'D BEEN FORCED TO BREATHE! NOW, HE LISTENED..... AWAITED HIS CHANCE!
WE WILL TAKE HIM TO THE CELLS IN THE CELLAR, OTTO!
JAH, HERMANN.. ...IF WE LIQUIDATE HIM THERE, NO ONE CAN HEAR!
THIS COMMUNIST NEST HAD TYPICAL NKVD FACILITIES....
USE THE TRUNCHEON, OTTO... ..A BROKEN ARM QUIETS EVEN THE MOST VIOLENT PRISONERS!
HERMANN, HE... UNGH!
SPLAAAT
THUD!
I'VE GOT TO FIND IRINA LUKHOV!
THAT ANIMAL IN THE THEATER WOULD'VE KILLED HER IN COLD BLOOD!
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THIS WAS A HOUSE FULL OF MEN TRAINED TO KILL....THERE WAS DEATH AROUND EVERY CORNER....
ZZEENGG!
CRAAK!
CAUGHT IN THE NUTCRACKER!
THEY'VE GOT ME BETWEEN THEM....OR THOUGHT THEY DID!
BAM!
BLAM
NOW WITH ONE OF THEIR GUNS....PRIMUS SEARCHED THE N.K.V.D. H.Q. FOR THE KIDNAPPED BALLERINA!
CRAASH!
DON'T RUN, IRINA....I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE!
BLAM
BAM!
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CAPITALIST SCHWEIN! I...
LOOK OUT, PRIMUS!
CRAK
THIS WINDOW ISN'T BARRED, IRINA....THERE'S WATER BELOW!
YES...THE DEADLIEST WATERWAY IN ALL THE WORLD....
IT IS THE CANAL SEPARATING EAST BERLIN FROM BERLIN AND FREEDOM! IT IS TRIP-WIRED WITH MINES AND WATCHED BY ARMED SENTRIES....
NEVERTHELESS, IRINA, IT IS OUR ONLY WAY TO ESCAPE THIS TRAP
PRIMUS WENT FIRST, DROPPING STRAIGHT DOWN....
SPLOSH
AND THEN IRINA JUMPED AWKWARDLY!
THEY'VE SEEN US, PRIMUS!
TAKE A DEEP BREATH, IRINA....WE'VE GOT TO SWIM UNDERWATER!

QUICKLY, PRIMUS STRIPPED OFF HIS SHIRT.... TIED THE SLEEVES, WHIPPED IT THROUGH THE AIR TO INFLATE IT, THEN LEFT IT TO FLOAT ON THE DARK CANAL! THE EAST GERMAN GUNNERS SAW IT AND....
ZIE SCHWEINHUNDT! FEUER!
KAPUT!
BAROOOM!
BUT NEITHER PRIMUS NOR THE BALLERINA WERE 'KAPUT;' THEY WERE SWIMMING UNDERWATER TOWARD THE AMERICAN ZONE....
SHE CAN'T GO MUCH FARTHER.... WE'VE GOT TO COME UP!
I'LL HELP THE CHICK, MISTER....GET OUT OF THERE PRONTO BEFORE THE COMMIE KRAUTS TURN THAT LIGHT OUR WAY!
THANKS, FRIEND... HELP HER, I CAN MAKE IT ALONE!
RATATAT
RATATAT
MUCH LATER.... IRINA LUKHOV INVITED CARTER PRIMUS TO A PRIVATE DINNER AT HER SUITE...
I HAVE LEARNED, PRIMUS, THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERED THE FIRST MAN IN THE SEA....I MUST TELL YOU....YOU ARE ALSO THE FIRST MAN IN MY HEART!
TO YOU, IRINA.... THE LOVELIEST WOMAN I KNOW!
END!